
Case Execution Management Information System and Security Cooperation Information Portal Updates

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The Case Execution Management Information Systems (CEMIS) Team met at the Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA) Headquarters on 19 through 21 March 2003, in their continuing effort to support CEMIS requirements development and the ongoing analysis of alternatives (AOA) study being performed by DSCA in conjunction with the Standard Systems Group (SSG) at Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base, Alabama. They are the only CEMIS team actively meeting at this time. Primarily, the System's Team is concentrating on the completion of two products which have been in development for several months.

- The Master Data Table Inventory – The team is developing a comprehensive file of all the following legacy system records file sizes and total data storage/working storage requirements.

- Centralized Integrately System for International Logistics (CISIL)
- Management Information System for International Logistics (MISIL)
- Security Assistance Management Information System (SAMIS)
- Case Management Control System (CMCS)
- Defense Integrated Financial System (DIFS)

This information will be used to: “size” the future CEMIS database, estimate the cost of conversion program software development and estimate the conversion duration (i.e., downtime).

- The Interface Master Table – The team is developing a comprehensive file of all existing legacy system interfaces, a list of all current interfaces not addressed in the current CEMIS ORD requirements version, and a list of all interfaces that may not exist today, but are necessary to accommodate CEMIS requirements for the future.

In addition, the team also met with the U.S. Customs Service and Department of Commerce who provided an introductory brief on a new systems development effort entitled Automated Commercial Environment - International Trade Data System (ACE-ITDS). ACE-ITDS will be developed as the single Federal system for the entry of all data/information relating to imports and exports. ACE is essentially the commercial part of the system, whereas ITDS is the interagency piece of the puzzle. The combined systems will contain information for all “border” (import/export) data, and agency participants (like DSCA) will be allowed to enter “filters” which would enable the Customs Service to provide better enforcement of export regulations. Software related to imports (eventual inbound reparable impact for us) will be developed first, with the export module (which is more applicable to us) scheduled for fielding in 2007. The Customs Service stressed the need for the security cooperation community to get involved in the ACE-ITDS requirements development process now, which we intend to do by first meeting with our major suppliers (e.g., Defense Logistics Agency, etc.). What we now consider “voluntary” behavior (e.g., participation in the freight tracking program) may become mandatory in the future, due to the need to improve export controls, and to support Homeland Security program efforts.

Security Cooperation Information Portal (SCIP) - The Security Cooperation Information Portal development effort continues, as the expanded DSADC/User Test Team continues to “shake out” the release of 1 and 2 software deliveries provided by our contractor, Lockheed Martin. Program trouble reports have been written, problems are being resolved, and a formal software “fix” release was slated to arrive at DSADC on 2 April, for review and installation on the production environment at DECC-Columbus. Based upon successful testing, and the

establishment of user accounts, we expect the first two releases to be available to users during April.

On 2 April, we also expect the contractor to deliver Portal Releases 3 and 4, which will provide additional user functionality. A new System Authorization Access Request (SAAR) form/package has recently been developed, and must be completed by all users seeking portal access. More information regarding user registration will be released shortly. The point of contact concerning this article is Tom Sippel, DSN 430-9295.